

2003

The Year 2003 in Pictures

SEGMENTATION BEGINS

Workers prepare to remove a Horizontal Beam Tube from the reactor vessel.



NASA achieved a Decommissioning Project milestone the week of August 4, when segmentation activity began. A Wachs crew removed all three of the Horizontal Beam Tubes from the side of the reactor tank, then shifted to the removal of other core components through the top of the reactor tank.



Preparing to segment the partially withdrawn BeamTube (note the band saw at the top of the photo).



Workers install a steel shielding plug in the side of the reactor vessel after removing a Beam Tube



Workers unbolted and removed the Reactor Pressure Vessel Head from the reactor tank in early September, making it easier to segment and remove some of the reactor internals.